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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Shimkets and Prayaga

ASSIGNEE : CURAGEN CORPORATION

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/494,585

EXAMINER : Christine Saoud

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ART UNIT : 1647

FOR : NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
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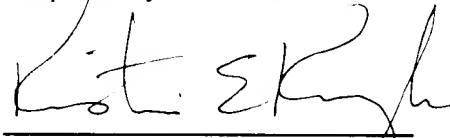
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 30, 2001  
Boston, Massachusetts

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time to respond to the February 28, 2001 Office action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, July 30, 2001. A check for \$695.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4) is enclosed. No additional fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 (CURA-57).

Respectfully submitted,



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